

Elba Chamber of Commerce holds annual membership banquet

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The Elba Chamber of Commerce held the annual membership banquet Thursday evening, Sept. 14, at the Elba Recreational Center.

Doris Matthews, 2006 chamber board president, welcomed everyone to the banquet and said she believed this year's attendance was the largest ever with more than 200 people.

Following a catered meal, Kaye Whitworth, executive director of the Elba Chamber of Commerce introduced the 2007 chamber officers and directors.

The 2007 officers will include: Denise Sauls, president; Eddie Vaughan, vice president; Mary McMillan, second vice president; Herby McCall, secretary; Mary Gray, treasurer; Doris Matthews, ex-officio; and Lynn Baker, public relations

director. The 2007 board of directors will include: Jerry Kelley, Laurie Chapman, Daniel Stephens, Tonya Jones, Kenneth Calhoun, Josh Wilson, Debby Bryan, Melissa Flowers, Michael Moseley and Mayor James Grimes.

The day-to-day operations of the chamber will continue to be handled by Whitworth and Eva Medlock, administrative assistant.

Entertainment for the evening was provided by the Enterprise Ozark Community College Entertainers and several door prizes were given away.

Denise Sauls, 2007 chamber board president, offered the evening's closing remarks. She briefly mentioned several upcoming events to be sponsored by the Chamber and said she is looking forward to the upcoming year.

THE TOP HONOR OF THE EVENING last Thursday, Sept. 14, during the annual chamber banquet went to the Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home as the local health care provider was named the **BUSINESS OF THE YEAR**. Elba Mayor James Grimes (right) presented the award to Ellen Briley (left), administrator.



A VERY SPECIAL PRESENTATION highlighted the awards ceremony last Thursday evening, Sept. 14, during the annual Elba Chamber of Commerce membership banquet as Jack Padgett, owner of the Padgett Oil Company, was honored. Padgett retired earlier this year after many years of business in Elba. Mayor James Grimes presented a plaque of appreciation to Padgett recognizing his service to the community. This was followed by the sharing of kind words and fond memories for Padgett and his business from friends Kenneth Grantham and Daniel Stephens.

Business Expo/Health Fair set for Saturday, Sept. 30, in Elba

The Elba General Hospital and Nursing Home is sponsoring their annual Business Expo and Health Fair on Saturday, Sept. 30, from 9:00 a.m. until noon.

There will be something going on for everyone to participate in.

Free screening will be available for blood sugar, cholesterol, breathing strength, blood pressure, osteoporosis screening, sleep disorder screening and vision and hearing screening (this event is sponsored by The Elba Lions Club).

There will be information available on Home Medical Equipment, Long Term Care, Nutrition, Smoking Cessation, Breast Cancer Awareness, Fire Safety, Diabetes and much more.

For children there will be balloons, a Spacewalk, Fingerprinting, and ID, DARE

Information, Face painting & popcorn.

In coordination with this event The Elba Chamber of Commerce will sponsor a Fun Run (register at Chamber office at 7:30 - 8:00 a.m. There is an entry fee of \$15 and this includes a t-shirt).

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Elba Chamber of Commerce Businesses of the Month for 2005-06

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Southeast Pharmaceuticals

The Ranch House

Mike's Gym

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Lawford's Hardware

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Southeast AL Gas District

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Coffee County Commission votes to wait on setting new garbage collection fees

by Linda Hodge, Editor

be the best interest of the county to wait to set the fees.

Commissioner J.L. Weeks

seemed to agree.

"We have a new (garbage collection) contract," Weeks said. Citing higher fuel prices and cost of equipment, Weeks said the new contract is much higher than the one about to expire. He said the county is going to have to go up sooner or later, and he feels sooner is better.

Commissioner Robert Stephens pointed out there is a fuel adjustment clause in the new contract that will allow for review after one year.

"I can't see why we couldn't put this off 90 days to set our rates," Stephens said.

Commissioner Jim Thompson did not agree one bit with Westbrook and quickly made a motion to set the garbage collection fee at \$16 per month for residents. He received a second from Commissioner Ernest Brooks.

"We can approve the budget today without setting the rate at \$16," Westbrook said.

"I am asking is we take 90 days and look at the solid waste department and try to keep the rate down as much as possible."

Thompson said the money Westbrook was referring to in the solid waste department was there because the county put it there from the landfill fund. He insisted he did not feel it would be best.

The amendment passed by a 4-3 vote in favor were commissioners Doug Dalrymple, Linda Westbrook, Robert Stephens and Tom Grimsley. Opposing were commissioners Jim Thompson, Ernest Brooks and J.L. Weeks.

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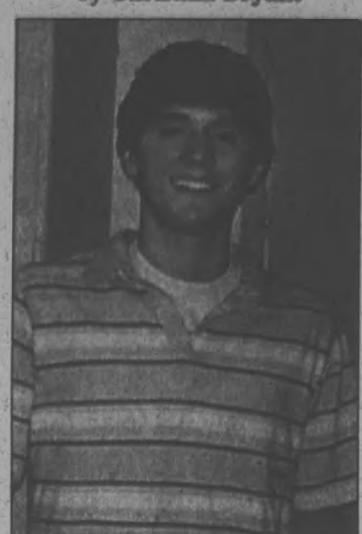
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SCHOOLS

CoOp Spotlight

by Christina Bryant



Tiger Tales

Editors:
Ashton Rodriguez
& Clara Burrows

Elba High School students observe Constitution and Citizenship Day

by Yoquesha Terry

Americans sometimes take citizenship for granted.

September 17 is Constitution and Citizenship Day. This year because the 17th was on Sunday, Constitution Day was observed on Monday, September 18.

Eric is the 17-year-old son of Donna Roberts. He has been employed for the past two years at EDSO. His duty at EDSO are to fill orders for customers.

Eric currently is a senior at Elba High where he is an EHS Ambassador and a member of Senior Beta, FFA and VICA.

After graduation he plans to attend a junior college of his choice and later transfer to a university to obtain a degree in chemistry.

Five EHS students selected for Coffee County Youth Leadership Program

by Ashton Rodriguez

One may ask, what CCYLP is?

CCYLP (Coffee County Youth Leadership Program) prepares high school students who have demonstrated leadership potential to take active leadership roles in improving their homes, schools and communities. The goals of CCYLP are to encourage high school students to recognize and develop their self-discipline, self-respect, and leadership potential; to teach leadership and problem-solving skills that will foster an open-minded, non-violent approach to solutions; to provide students with a greater understanding of current issues through interaction with peers, leaders, and decision-makers in the community, region, and state; to expose students to resources available in our community and state; to provide students with opportunities to experience the difference they can make through volunteer service projects; and to expand students' network of friends, peers, and contacts.

Eligibility is limited to juniors and sophomores from all public, private and home schools within Coffee County. Students must be at least 15 years of age. Priority was given to juniors.



Five Elba High School students recently were selected to participate in this year's Coffee County Youth Leadership Program. They include: Yoquesha Terry, Ashton Rodriguez, Kayla Miller, Ashley Carpenter and Britney Holley.

This year's five members are Rodriguez, Kayla Miller, Britney Holley and Yoquesha Terry.

Attention, seniors and parents...

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Journalism Spotlight

by Sydney Brunson



This week's journalism spotlight shines on **Ryan McCollough**. Ryan is the 17-year-old son of elementary school teacher, Pam McCollough. He joined the journalism staff only this year but has used his sports expertise to contribute to the sports section of the yearbook and news paper.

When Ryan is not decked out in black and gold on Mack Wood Field, he can be found riding dirt roads or watching the Auburn game with friends. Ryan's other activities include St. Beta and the EHS Ambassadors. Ryan describes himself as fun, easygoing, and, much to Mrs. Buckle's dismay, loud.

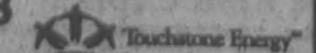
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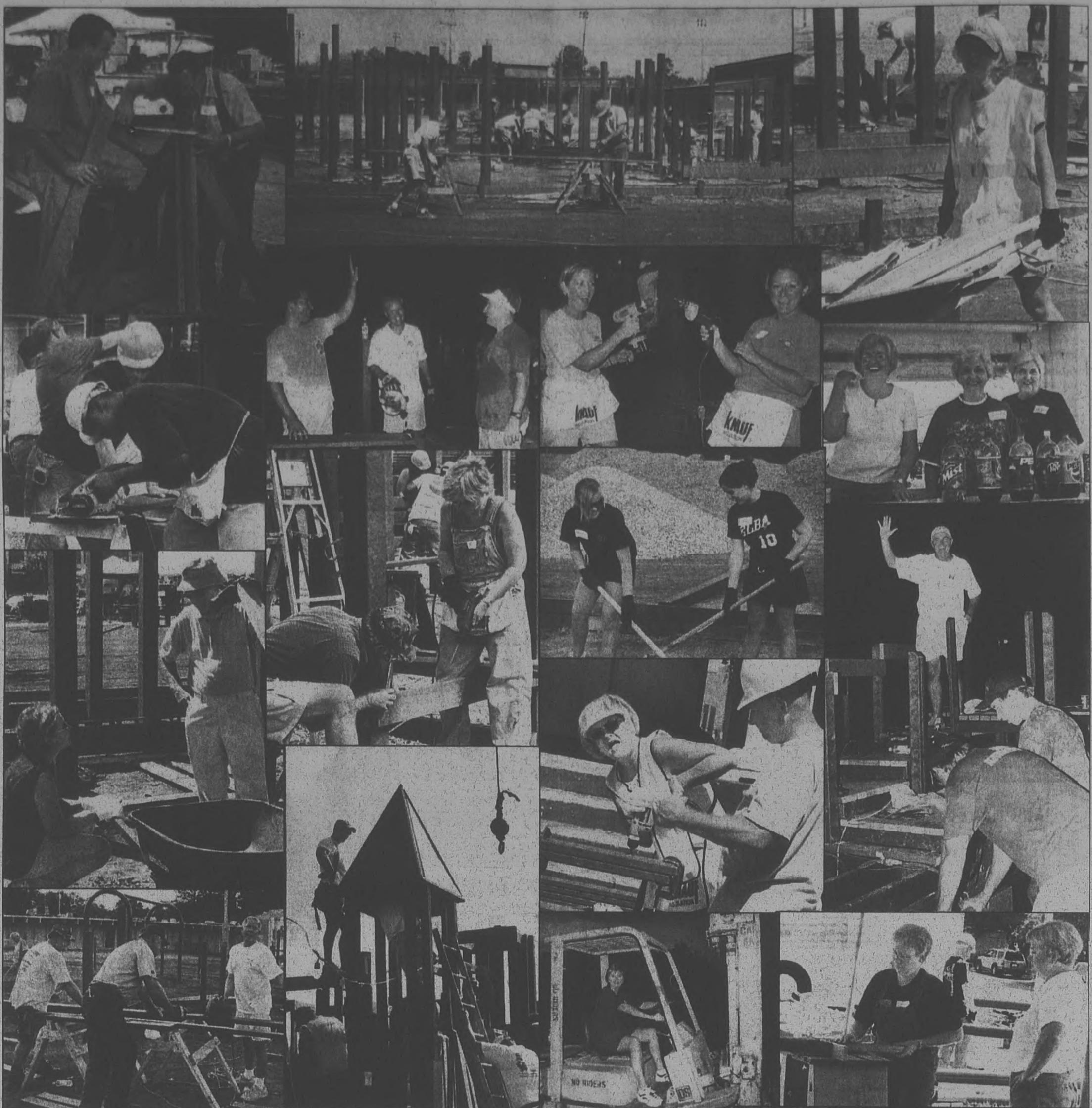
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SPORTS

Views from....

The Pressbox

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

The Mularz girls made the trip up to Auburn last weekend for the Tigers win over Buffalo, and Melanie came home all excited with a new Auburn t-shirt, some orange and blue pom-poms and a camera filled with pictures of the game she made from her seat near the endzone. As a longtime Alabama fan I used to wonder how my girls turned out to be die-hard Auburn fans, but as I have grown older the fact they cheer for Auburn only bothers me one weekend a year.

ELBA TIGERS GET BIG ROAD WIN OVER SLOCOMB

The Elba Tigers finally got on the scoreboard and made the most of their visits to the endzone as they defeated Slocumb 21-13 last week to claim their first win of the season and post a big region win on the board. The Tigers missed catching the ball a few times as their score still reached 13 quarters, but broke loose in the second stanza as freshman running back Carlos Matias ran for two scores and the Elba defense added a score of its own. The Elba offense rolled up over 200 yards in total offense and had its most balanced attack of the season, while the defense bent but refused to break, as it turned back three Slocumb scoring threats and recovered four fumbles. The game was one the Tigers could have easily lost. However, the fact the young Tigers stepped up and met the challenge head on said a lot about these youngsters and gives all Elba fans hope that better days are indeed on the way.

THREE AREA TEAMS SUFFER WEEK FOUR SETBACKS

The fourth week of the high school football season is now in the books and for three of the four teams in the area it was a week they would like to forget. Here is a look back at the week that was...

*** New Brockton... gave up 49 points to Cottonwood in a lopsided loss that left the Gamecocks winless after four weeks of play. The Gamecocks used a faked punt to pull even early in the game, but once the Bears got rolling there was little Brockton defense could do to soften the blow. After four weeks it appears the Gamecock offense is hitting its stride. However, it now makes has now surrendered over 40 points two weeks in a row, and that makes it hard to win, no matter what the offense does.

*** Kinston... battled Florala on even terms for two quarters, but made critical turnovers in the second half and at the final horn remained winless on the season. The Bulldogs have improved the past two weeks and are getting closer and closer to being a competitive team as they get ready to jump back into the region war. Kinston may not have a winning record when seasons draw to a close, but the guess here is it will have a few wins hanging on its side of the scoreboard.

*** Zion Chapel... suffered a shocking road loss to McKenzie to fall to 0-3 in the region and all of the sudden the Rebels appear to be among the top teams in the region. The #2 spot in the region standings. The week two loss to Arinton is a stain, but the loss to McKenzie that one saw coming, and with four region games still left it looks like the Rebels will have to run the ball to make the playoff party. Maybe it's time to skip plan B and go right on to plan C...

*** Brantley... remained undefeated in the region with a big road win over Arinton and also remained unscorched upon for the season. The Bulldogs owned a slim two-touchdown lead at intermission and were in a dogfight, but took command early in the second half and rolled to the lopsided win. Brantley made it look easy against region opponents and the past two weeks has kept its starters in the game well into the fourth quarter. That should help as the season heads into the home stretch.

WEEK FOUR OF PREP SEASON NOW IN THE BOOKS

The fourth week of the high school football season is now in the books and it was an interesting week for many teams and their fans. Here's a quick look back...

*** Enterprise (2-2) saw a 17-5 second half lead evaporate in a stunning 24-17 loss to previously winless Central, of Phenix City. The Wildcats were ranked 8th in the state after opening the season with easy wins over Carroll and Dothan. However, since the two teams the Wildcats defeated are a combined 0-8, maybe Enterprise isn't nearly as good as many thought.

*** Charles Henderson (3-1) saw its early-season success come to an abrupt end with a surprising 35-0 loss to Valley. The Trojans made it look easy in opening the season with three big wins, but hit the road Friday night and got totally dominated in all aspects of the game in the big region loss. Despite the loss, I think the jury is still out on just how good the Trojans really are.

*** Straughn (0-4) remained unscorched on the season with a 54-19 region loss to Pike County and after four weeks the Tigers have to be licking their wounds. The Tigers have shown improvement on offense in recent weeks and have averaged 15 points a game after being shut out by their opening two contests. The Tigers have allowed a total of 110 points in the past two games and for the season have allowed an average of over 44 points a game. Ouch.

*** Andalusia (3-1) continued to roll up the points with a big 68-18 romp past lowly Bullock County and the Bulldogs are now considered as one of the teams to beat in the 4A ranks. The Bulldogs dropped a disappointing loss to Pike County in their opener, but ever since they have been on fire and have the folks over in A-town talking about the playoffs for the first time in years.

*** Opp (0-4) is still looking for its first win of the season after failing to Daleville 24-22. The Bobcats had high hopes entering the season after hiring a new coach and lots of hard work in the off-season. However, once again it has been proven that a winning program

can't be built in just one year and that winning sometimes takes time. The guess here is the Bobcats and their fans know this and that better days are ahead.

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*** Red Level (4-0) remained undefeated last week with a 34-6 win over Elba and the Tigers may very well be the best team around that no one knows anything about. The Tigers have an explosive offense that can score from anywhere on the field and a quick defense that can shut down just about any offense it meets.

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Southeast Alabama Beekeepers Association to meet

The Southeast Alabama Beekeepers Association will hold its monthly meeting on the 5th of October, 2006 at 7 P.M. in the Coffee County Farm Center. 2077

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Troy University Theatre plans exciting new season

Troy University's University Theatre opens its season Oct. 5 with "Lunchtime Cabaret," one of several new innovations within the theater department.

Troy University Theatre's first Lunchtime Cabaret will feature a meal and several top-notch entertainers. The event is scheduled for 12 p.m. Oct. 5 in the Hawkins-Adams-Long Hall of Honor. Tickets are on sale now in the Trojan Center Box Office.

Among those changes is a new residence, an upstairs theatre and a design and technology lab in Malone Hall.

Another addition to the fall lineup is the production of The Women of Lockerbie that delves into the bombing of a Pan American Airlines flight over Lockerbie, Scotland. The production features a musical score written by ****TROY alumnus Thomas Newman, who

recently completed a master of fine arts degree at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts. He is a former music director of the Elba United Methodist Church. Another change for the department is the production of two musical comedies in repertory in April. Those productions will be Forever Plaid and Nunsense. Both shows also feature a gourmet meal.

In November, the department will be presenting Page to Stage, a collage of scenes, monologues and songs ranging from classical to contemporary. These productions will take place in the Trojan Center Theatre.

Summer of 2007 will also bring Damn Yankees, a musical comedy based on Douglass Wallop's novel The Year the Yankees Lost the Pennant. This production is scheduled to run in early July.

Listing of Performances

September 23: 36 hour SLAM-10 minute plays in Performance Studio 7 p.m.

October 5: Lunchtime Cabaret-Long Hall of Honor- 12 p.m.

October 6: ACT- 10 minute play showcase- Malone Hall Performance Studio 3 p.m.

October 19 - 21, 23: "The Women of Lockerbie"- TC Theatre 7:30 p.m.

November 15-16: "Page to Stage- Theatre Alive!" - TC Theatre 7 p.m.

January 30-31: Student Directed Studio Production- Malone Hall Performance Studio 7:30 p.m.

March 14-15: "Page to Stage-Theatre Alive!" - TC Theatre 7 p.m.

April 12, 13, 14, 19, 20, 21: "Forever Plaid" and "Nunsense" Dinner Theatre- Trojan Center Theatre- Dinner at 6:30, show at 8 p.m.

May 12, 13, 14, 15: "The Year the Yankees Lost the Pennant" - Trojan Center Theatre- Dinner at 6:30, show at 8 p.m.

June 29, 30: "Damn Yankees" - Trojan Center Theatre- Dinner at 6:30, show at 8 p.m.

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New Brockton Town Council holds routine meeting

by Linda Hodge, Editor

The New Brockton Town Council conducted a quick and routine monthly meeting Monday evening, Oct. 2, as several updates were provided.

Following his report of monthly citations and incident/offense reports from the department, Police Chief Dale Grimes asked council members to consider sending Michael Darbo to the police academy for training.

Council member Vicki Harrison asked if the town currently has funds available to send anyone to the police academy. Town clerk Annette Williams said not currently, but the funds would be available by the time Darbo is expected to go to the academy.

Council members voted unanimously to approve Darbo's request.

Mayor Charles Cole provided an update regarding the Tyler Street road project. He said the bids were received and opened. Cole said he understands that Carter Construction Company of Andalusia was awarded the bid at \$237,310.

"We are so glad to see the bids opened and awarded," Cole said in regards to the project. "Hopefully, work will begin soon."

While on the subject of Tyler Street, Mayor Cole also said he remains concerned about the Hwy. 34 project where it will cross Tyler Street. Being so near to the high school, Cole said it concerns him that the intersection will not have a red light.

New Brockton Mayor Charles Cole is shown above inspecting the new fire truck recently acquired by the New Brockton Volunteer Fire Department.

As Elba Chamber of Commerce begins busy season

"Old Haunted Jail" returns for more spooky adventures

by Linda Hodge, Editor

October begins a busy yet exciting season for the Elba Chamber of Commerce as many events are planned for the upcoming months.

Plans currently are being made for the second annual "Old Haunted Jail" event. The haunted jail will be open seven nights during the month of October for those interested in a frightful adventure.

A huge fund raising event for the Elba Chamber of Commerce, the "Old Haunted Jail" has become a favorite event for everyone involved.

Chamber officials assure everyone that while the event features the same location, the haunting will be filled with many new scenes and creatures. However, there also may still be a few familiar scary faces to contend with during the haunting.

Of course, the former Coffee County Jail building, located on

Putnam Street in Elba (next to the Elba Chamber of Commerce office), is the setting for the "Old Haunted Jail." The dates for this year's haunted house will be October 20, 21, 26, 27, 28, 30 and 31. Additional information will be made available as details are finalized.

A work day has been scheduled for Saturday, Oct. 7, beginning at 9 a.m. at the jail for those helping with the haunted jail event.

Another very popular event sponsored by the Chamber during the month of October is "Pumpkins on the Square." As always, chamber officials consider this event as a kickoff for the holiday season.

"Pumpkins on the Square" will be held Tuesday, Oct. 31 (Halloween), from 5:30-7 p.m. on the square in Elba.

Merchants around the square are asked to decorate their storefronts in a fall theme. Also, merchants are asked to display

their Halloween spirit by dressing in costume. All merchants are encouraged to treat children in costume with candies.

Due to the overwhelming response again last year, chamber officials are asking for candy donations that will be distributed to the merchants. Candy donations may be dropped off at the Chamber of Commerce office. Any business that is not located around the square is welcome to set-up and distribute candy to young trick-or-treaters.

To add to the festivities, there will be a Children's Halloween Costume Contest. Judges will be present to select the scariest, or most original costume in each age division. Winners will receive a certificate along with a prize. Age divisions are as follows: 1 month to 12 mos., 2 years to 3 years, 4 years to 5 years, 1st grade thru 3rd grade and 4th grade thru 6th grade.

As always, the month of November will be highlighted by the annual Christmas Festival and Parade held every year on the Saturday following Thanksgiving.

This year's event is no different as the Christmas Festival and Parade will be Saturday, Nov. 25. The Christmas Festival will be held on the square in downtown Elba and the Christmas Parade will follow the normal Elba parade route through the downtown streets.

Committee members currently are hard at work preparing for an exciting day.

Committee chair people include: Tim and Melissa Flowers, Christmas Parade; Starla Amison, Christmas Pageant; Joan Ward, arts and crafts; Kaye Whitworth, entertainment; and Lynn Baker, publicity.

For more information on these or other events sponsored by the Elba Chamber of Commerce, call the chamber at (334) 897-3125.

Area Happenings

THE 2006 FOOTBALL SEASON enters week six Friday, Oct. 5, with all area teams in action. The Elba Tigers will travel to Pike County, the New Brockton Gamecocks will travel to G.W. Long, the Clinton Bulldogs will host Arinton, the Zion Chapel Rebels will host Greenville, Christian and the Bradley Bulldogs will travel to McKenzie. Kickoff for all games is 7 p.m.

WALKING WHILE DRIVING AT ELBA HIGH SCHOOL will be Thursday, Oct. 12, from 3-6:30 p.m. During this time, parents and students are invited to go around campus and visit with teachers.

ANNUAL ENROLLMENT MEETING will be held Monday, Oct. 23, at Elba High School beginning at 6 p.m. in the auditorium. Parents interested in their child taking college classes while in high school should attend this meeting.

ELBA HIGH SCHOOL WILL CELEBRATE HOMECOMING Friday, Oct. 27. Formalities will begin with the Convocation at 10 a.m. in the stadium. Elba will honor the Class of 1976 with a toss at 1 p.m. in the Family and Consumer Sciences Department. The parade will be at 3 p.m. from the old high school location. Entries should be listed by calling Margaret Hall at Elba High School, 807-2266. Friday night the Homecoming Court will be presented at 6:30 p.m. followed by the game with Abbeville at 7 p.m.

Patrol Sergeant James A. Dozier joined the Elba Police Department 10/2 years ago and has enjoyed his years of service to the community.

In all, Sgt. Dozier has spent 12 years in law enforcement. He also served 1 1/2 years with the Opp Police Department.

When asked about his most memorable experience, Sgt. Dozier said, "helping victims in the 1998 flood of Elba, Ala."

His special/advanced training includes Alabama POST certification and the completion of hosts of training courses and classes for law enforcement.

Beyond the department, Sgt. Dozier said he enjoys fishing, singing and visiting old friends. His family includes his wife Deborah; daughters Sharai Russell, Chelsea Dozier and Keyona Dozier, and his son Trey Dozier.



Sgt. James A. Dozier